

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
FY 2008***(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)*

Docket Number (Optional)

27373/40386

Application Number

10/589,544-Conf. #6616

Filed

August 16, 2006

For ANTI-INFLAMMATORY, CYTOPROTECTIVE FACTOR DERIVABLE FROM A PROBIOTIC ORGANISM

Art Unit

1655

Examiner

Q. Mi

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> | |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$460 | \$230 | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1050 | \$525 | \$ 525.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1640 | \$820 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2230 | \$1115 | \$ _____ |

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.☒ Payment by credit card.☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-2855.**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 40,725☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____

William K. Merkel
SignatureFebruary 4, 2008

Date

William K. Merkel

Typed or printed name

(312) 474-6300

Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☐ Total of 1 forms are submitted.